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Subject: Amazing indeed....

Dear Sirs:

As a software engineer, and president of a technology company, I am astounded that the government cannot clearly see what Microsoft has done over the past several years. They have leveraged their monopoly to further strengthen their position, and effectively freeze out new, and for the most part better technologies. The most amazing part of this whole situation, is that they continue with business as usual, and for the most part nothing happens. They manage to tie things up in the courts for years, while technology keeps moving forward, and their position continues to strengthen. Nothing short of a breakup will stop this monopoly, and allow technology in this country to move forward. When one looks to Europe and Asia, where Microsoft is not so entrenched, that is where technology is thriving. Competition spurs innovation, but monopoly's stifle it.

With the recent introduction of the X-Box, Windows Multimedia format in DVD's, and in refusing to support competing, yet superior technologies (ie. Java) their monopolistic position only strengthens. As a person that is directly involved in the industry, it is so obvious as to the general strategy of Microsoft, it is a shame that our learned justices can't see it also.

Regards,

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